

FRIDAY, January 18, 1828.

The house met. Were present, the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Petitions of the following titles were this day severally presented:

By Mr. Stuart, of Baltimore, the petition of Charlotte Slater, for a divorce from her husband Benjamin Slater, of the city of Baltimore, which was referred to the standing committee on divorces.

By Mr. Sellman, the petition of Caleb Steuart, of Anne-Arundel county, for the relinquishment of a certain judgment therein mentioned; which was referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

By Mr. Mercer, a petition from sundry inhabitants of Sasfras neck, in Cecil county, praying for a law to prevent horse racing and cock fighting, if not throughout the state, at least in that section thereof; which was read and referred to Messrs. Mercer, M'Culloh and M'Mahon.

By Mr. Donoho, the petition of Arthur Dashiell of Somerset county, praying for the passage of a law to authorise the erection of a tide mill on Windsor's creek, at Nanticoke point in said county; which was referred to Messrs. Donoho, Gibbons and Dennis.

And the petition of sundry citizens of Somerset and Worcester counties, praying the repeal of so much of the act of November session 1791, chapter 60, as relates to vessels employed solely within the state of Maryland; which was referred to Messrs. Donoho, Dennis, Williams of Worcester, Hooper and Teackle.

Mr. Stewart, of Anne-Arundel, obtained leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act to alter and amend the constitution and form of government, and to repeal the 60th article thereof. Messrs. Stewart of A. Arundel, Kent and Semmes, were appointed a committee to prepare and report the bill.

Whereupon Mr. Stewart of Anne-Arundel, accordingly reported said bill; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. M'Culloh obtained leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act for changing the time and place of the sessions of the court of chancery, and for other purposes. Messrs. M'Culloh, M'Mahon, Semmes, Thomas of Cecil, and Ringgold, were appointed a committee to prepare and report the bill.

The Speaker laid before the house a report of the treasurer for the eastern shore, prepared in obedience to the order of the third instant, requiring the treasurers of the western and eastern shores to report to this house the variance of construction by the clerks of the county courts of the act of December session 1826, chapter 247, commonly called the Fee Bill, with reference to the mode of taxing fees on li-